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OUR MISSION

We, the family of St. Dominic Parish, come together as a Roman Catholic community by celebrating the Eucharist as the center of our faith.

- We welcome Jesus Christ into our lives and give witness to His way of life
- Inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive to be a warm, inviting, welcoming, and caring community of people, filled with Faith, Hope and Love
- In that Spirit, we provide a meaningful environment and opportunities for worship, education and service to our community

Rev. Jim Walsh, Pastor
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Deacon Mark Bardonaro, Parish Administrator
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Parish Membership

New parishioners are invited to contact the Parish Office to register. We ask current members to notify us of any change of address, telephone numbers or other important, relevant information.

Masses for Sunday

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

Masses for Holy Days:

See inside for Mass Schedule.

Weekday Masses:

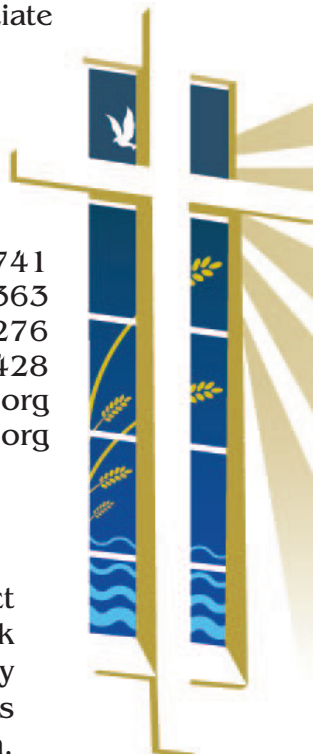
Monday-Thursday: 7:30 a.m.
Friday: 7:30 a.m. & 8:15 a.m.
Saturday: 8:15 a.m. followed by Marian Devotions & Apostolate for the Dying

Holy Communion Service:

Monday-Friday: 6:10 a.m.

Publication Deadlines:

Bulletin: Due by Noon on Monday.
Monthly Report: Due by the 12th of each month.



DECEMBER 13, 2020 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MONDAY – DECEMBER 14 – SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

6:10 A.M.	Communion Service
7:30 A.M.	Intentions of Bill and Melissa Grove and Family
6:45 P.M.	Rosary in Church

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 15 – ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:10 A.M.	Communion Service
7:30 A.M.	Tom Bittner (ANN)

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 16 – ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:10 A.M.	Communion Service
7:30 A.M.	Blake Kamstra (BR)
8:00 A.M.-NOON	Adoration

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 17 – LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:10 A.M.	Communion Service
7:30 A.M.	Veronica Mollman

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 18 – LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:10 A.M.	Communion Service
7:30 A.M.	Patrick Eagan (BR)
8:15 A.M.	Miriam Galvin

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 19 – LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:15 A.M.	Albert Dellbrugge (BR)
After Mass:	Marian Devotions and Apostolate for the Dying
4:30 P.M.	Bob Hater

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 20 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 A.M.	Frank Backscheider
9:30 A.M.	Tom Bittner (ANN)
11:30 A.M.	Ted and Joann Kahle
7:00 P.M.	For Our Parishioners

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the souls of Linda Gregory and Mary Meyer who died this past week. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In making your Christmas plans, I would suggest that you seriously consider whether to attend Mass in person, or tune in to our live streaming of the Mass.

With the increase in Covid cases, we need to be extremely careful. Maintaining social distancing in church would be impossible if we have the numbers attending that we have had in the past. Please prayerfully consider this, knowing that you are dispensed from the obligation of attending.

Our Mass times are Christmas Eve: 3:00 p.m. with Christmas music provided before Mass by the White and Hillgrove families, 5:00 p.m. with music before by Gene Johnson, 10:00 p.m. with music before by the Liderbach family. (Please note that the "Midnight Mass" is now at 10:00 p.m. instead of 11:00 p.m.) Christmas Day: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. There will be no children's Mass. Each Mass will be live streamed, and the Christmas music before the Christmas Eve Masses will also be live streamed. Let's all celebrate this great feast safely and united in the love of the God who came to live among us and save us!

– Fr. Jim

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday, December 24

3:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

10:00 p.m. – Final Mass on Christmas Eve

CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday, December 25

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

NO 7:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Thursday, December 31

4:30 p.m.

Friday, January 1, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Sick is a healing sacrament of the Church. Anyone who is sick or elderly and in need of physical or emotional healing can come to this sacrament which will be communally celebrated annually. Those who would like to receive the sacrament before a hospital stay or surgery are invited to call the Parish Office to make arrangements. The sacrament is also available to those who may be near death. Please call the parish emergency line. Someone will respond to your call. Please inform the Parish Office when a member of the parish is hospitalized.

Considering Entering the Catholic Church?

RCIA is the process through which adults are fully initiated into the Catholic faith community. The process provides for different levels of entry. To obtain more information, call Deacon Mark Bardonaro at 471-7741.

Infant Baptisms

Attendance at a Parent Pre-Baptism Session is required. Call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday, 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., or by appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony

One of the engaged or his/her parents must be a registered and active parishioner for six months prior to scheduling a wedding. Scheduling must take place at least six months in advance of the wedding. Weddings are not scheduled during Advent or Lenten Seasons. A marriage preparation program is required.

Communion for the Sick and Homebound

Please call the Parish Office to request this service.

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed from December 21-January 4. If you have an emergency, you will be able to reach us by calling 471-7741, ext. 9. All other messages can be left at 471-7741, ext. 0. We will be checking messages periodically throughout the day and will return your call. *(Please note that this is different than what was published in the December Torch.)*

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Due to the upcoming holidays, all articles for the December 27 bulletin must be submitted by noon on Tuesday, December 15. Articles for the January 3 bulletin must be submitted by noon on Tuesday, December 22.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Make a difference. "Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses," says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of U.S. religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care and other necessities. Please be generous.

ANOTHER WAY TO SUPPORT ST. DOMINIC

Are you age 70 1/2 and required by the IRS to take annual distributions from your IRA account, also known as Required Minimum Distributions (RMD)? If so, you may consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA account directly to St. Dominic Parish. QCDs will satisfy your annual distribution requirement, (RMD), and will not be included in your taxable income for the year. This could be a great way to save taxes and financially support St. Dominic Parish. For more details on Qualified Charitable Distributions from your IRA account, please contact your investment advisor and/or your tax advisor as we cannot give specific tax advice.

ADVENT EVENING OF CONFESSIONS

We will not be having our Advent Penance Service this year because of COVID-19, but Fr. Chris and I will be hearing Confessions on Tuesday evening, December 15 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. I will be in the cry room confessional and Fr. Chris will be in the priests' sacristy. We will all wear masks and keep a social distance.

ST. DOMINIC MEN'S SOCIETY LOTTERY

The tickets have been sold, and now is the time when the winners are drawn!!!

The winning ticket numbers for the second week of December are:

December 7	#837 Patty Hericks
December 8	#797 Mike Bonomini
December 9	#611 Dave Witterstaetter
December 10	#164 Jean Malloy
December 11	#087 John Back
December 12	#132 Ray Pachoud

COVID-19 CHRISTMAS PLANS

Maintaining social distancing at our Christmas Masses will be difficult if we have the numbers attending who have attended last year, pre-Covid-19! Here is what we will be doing at St. Dominic this Christmas. We will livestream all the Masses at the times they are celebrated.

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If we have too many for social distancing in church, we will have an overflow livestream in O'Connor Hall, with distribution of the Eucharist. If we have too many for social distancing in both church and O'Connor Hall, we will ask folks to come back for a later Mass or livestream at home. All of this presumes that the state and archdiocese guidelines remain as they are now.

A PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT

Christmas is coming soon! Consider purchasing a Gathering Place paver for the person in your life who is hard to shop for. Pavers are the gift that lets your mother, father, grandparent, child, or spouse know how cherished they are. Order forms are available at the doors of church or on the parish website at www.stdominichelhi.org. (Click on Ministries/General Parish Ministries/Gathering Place Walkway). You can also stop in the Parish Office to order a paver. The 4 x 8 bricks allow 3 lines with 13 characters per line and cost \$40. The 8 x 8 pavers allow up to 6 lines with 13 characters per line and cost \$75. If you have any questions, call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0.

CHURCH ENVELOPES

We are changing the way you receive your church envelopes. Instead of receiving a box of envelopes, in 2021 you will receive envelopes in the mail every two months. If you no longer use Offertory envelopes to make your donation, please send us an email at parishoffice@stdominichelhi.org and we will update our list so you do not receive them.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY



Please take note that when St. Dominic School is on a two-hour delay, or closed for the day due to inclement weather, the Parish Office will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at our regular time. We

do this to ensure the safety of all our employees. We hope that this change in our schedule will not cause any inconvenience.

St. Dominic School follows Oak Hills Local School District for delays and closings.

MISCELLANEOUS



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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory Collection Week of 12/06/20: \$ 18,311.00
 WeShare Online Giving 12/06/20: \$ 6,998.00
 Total: \$ 25,309.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish.
 May the Lord continue to bless you
 in your generosity!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Heart of Mary Respite and Companion Services. Tired of COVID-19? Would you like to make someone's day? Are you looking for a way to connect with others who share your interests? We are looking for volunteers to help with two new programs at Catholic Charities. We need help making phone support calls to Heart of Mary Respite and Companionship clients. We also need class leaders for Powerful Tools for Caregivers, an evidence-based self-care class for caregivers. Both volunteer opportunities can be safely done remotely with all materials and training provided. Call 535-2291 for more information, or go to <https://tinyurl.com/CCSWOHSCSS> to apply to become a Heart of Mary phone support specialist or PTC class leader today!

THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is once again providing needs-based tuition assistance to elementary school students for the 2021-2022 school year. Applications will be accepted through February 8, 2021. For more information and to apply, please visit catholicbestchoice.org.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20**

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14a, 16
 2nd Reading: Romans 16:25-27
 Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 19 & 20

	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (Captains' names are listed first.)
4:30 p.m. Saturday	Amy Stevens	Martha Queenan, Mike Queenan, Mary Jo Reiners, Louise Shields
7:30 a.m. Sunday	David Stryker	Bobbi Honnert, Amy Luken, John Burns, Teagan Charles
9:30 a.m. Sunday	Debbie Henderer	Rob Smith, Lori Thai, Jan Bonomini, Peter Gibbs
11:30 a.m. Sunday	Erin Sunderman	Meg Morris, Dave Tensing, Margie Walter
7:00 p.m. Sunday	Joe Reinstatler	Joe Middendorf, Jim Gerdes, Christelle Middendorf



WORD ON FIRE

Exciting News for You! We are excited to announce that our parish now has access to premium video content from Word on Fire. These films and videos feature Bishop Robert Barron who has been hailed as “one of the Church’s greatest messengers” and is the second most-followed Catholic in the world on social media (behind only Pope Francis.) He is best known for his CATHOLICISM film series and his Emmy-nominated Pivotal Players series, which have both aired on PBS and EWTN, and have been seen by millions of people.

Thanks to Flocknote, our parish’s email and texting tool, we can now send you short Bishop Barron videos with engaging questions via email or text message. We encourage you to participate as together we draw deeper into the Faith. In addition, you now have access to the entire Word on Fire digital video library. You can watch any of Bishop Barron’s films or study programs whenever you want, on any device!

If your email and/or phone number is not registered with the parish, or if you would like to add additional addresses, please register at stdominicparish2.flocknote.com or by texting StDominic to 84576.

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